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SUBJECT: KIM YONG SAM HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE

REF: SEOUL 0883

1. NDP PRESIDENT KIM YONG-SAM HELD PRESS CONFERENCE  
ON FEBRUARY 24, CALLING FOR NON-PARTISAN, JOINT COMMITTEE OF  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN TO INVESTIGATE FOLLOWING:

(A) CHARGES OF ROKG PRESSURES ON TONGA ILBO;

(B) ALLEGATIONS OF VOTE FRAUD DURING FEB. 12 REFERENDUM; AND

(C) REPORTS OF TORTURE OF EMERGENCY MEASURES PRISONERS.

2. KIM REPEATED HIS STANDARD LINE WITH SOME MODEST  
VARIATIONS. IN ADDITION TO CALLING REFERENDUM "RIGGED",  
HE ALSO NOTED THAT PKUHAD COST AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF  
MONEY (HE ALLEGED 5 MILLION WON PER DAY FROM FEBRUARY 1  
THROUGH 12). HE REPEATED THAT MAJORITY OF PEOPLE STILL  
DESIRED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND THAT HIS OWN  
PLANS TO PROMOTE SUCH AMENDMENT STAND UNCHANGED. HE ASKED  
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THAT KCIA BE DISBANDED AS REVELATIONS OF TORTURE BY

RELEASED PRISONERS WAS "UNPRECEDENTED EVEN BY STANDARDS  
SET UNDER JAPANESE COLONIAL RULE."

3. LOCAL POLSEC OBSERVERS ESTIMATE 35 NDP MEMBERS WERE  
IN ATTENDANCE WITH APPROXIMATELY 100 REPORTERS THOUGH  
NO WESTERN NEWSMEN WERE SEEN. TONGA ILBO GAVE STORY  
LARGEST PLAY THOUGH PRESS CONFERENCE WAS CARRIED BY ALL  
AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS, EVEN GOVERNMENT'S SEOUL SINMUN.  
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